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REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 1 to include the subject matter of claim 2, which the Examiner has indicated allowable.

Claim 22 is claim 4 rewritten in independent form. The Examiner has indicated claim 4 to be allowable.

Claim 36 is claim 10 rewritten in independent form. The Examiner has indicated claim 10 to be allowable.

Claim 44 is claim 20 rewritten in independent form. The Examiner has indicated claim 20 to be allowable.

Dependent claims 23-35 are pending claims 3, 5-8, and 12-19, respectively.

Dependent claims 37-43 are pending claims 13-19 respectively.

Dependent claims 45-49 and 51-53 are pending claims 3 and 12-15 and 17-19, respectively. Dependent claim 50 is similar to claim 16.

Claims 2, 4-11 and 20-21 have been canceled.

In view of the above, it is asserted that claims 1, 22, 36 and 44 and claims dependent therefrom are patentable over the cited references and the art of record and are asserted to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested and an early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

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Applicant hereby requests an extension of time of three (3) months in which to file this response. A check in the amount of \$849.00 is attached herewith for the extension fee of \$490.00, the additional claims fee of \$189.00 and the notice of appeal fee of \$170.00. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-2105 for any additional fees required.

Applicant is filing concurrently with this Amendment a Notice of Appeal to provide the Examiner additional time to consider this Amendment.

Respectfully submitted,



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